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<b>Request FOR Continued Examination (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Subsection (b) of 38 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 28, 2000, Provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application Filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Application Number	09/842,148
	Filing Date	April 28, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Chester L. Struble
	Group Art Unit	3762
	Examiner Name	Kennedy Schaeztle
	Attorney Docket Number	P9440.00

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
 Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 28, 2000. If the above application was filed prior to May 28, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/20) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50982 (Aug. 15, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**a. ☒ **Previously submitted**

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on March 12, 2004  
 (Any amended amendment(s) referred to above will be indicated).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ **Enclosed**

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-2546

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)


ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed


c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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